

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

RI Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015

In Attendance:

Jay B. Aron RIDEM, Forestry

Harvey Buford Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Steve Hogan Gun Owners Political Action Committee

Gail A. Hogan Rhode Island Rifle & Revolver Association

Henry Cruciani Appalachian Mountain Club

Martha Cruciani Yankee Trailers

Roy Najecki RI Land Trust Council

Peter Gengler International Mountain Bike Association

Bob Butler NE Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs

Denise Poyer Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association

Gregg J. Cassidy RI DEM, Planning & Development

Jack Lancellotta Jaycee Foundation & Pawtuxet River Authority

Kevin Nelson RI Statewide Planning

Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM.

1. Introductions:

Kevin Nelson introduced himself as Acting Chair for the meeting since Lisa is unavailable.

2. Meeting Minutes

Kevin Nelson and Jay Aron made editorial comments. Motion to accept meeting minutes of June 2014 meeting with edits made by Roy Najecki, seconded by Stephan Hogan. Approved. Unanimous.

3. Small Grant Requests

o Town of Charlestown- Pawaget Park Composing Toilet. \$45,000. Gregg provided back ground information; this is additional work associated with the “Mud Cove” Trail system and will add rest room facilities to the trail head. Henry stated that although this is a good project, only small grants are eligible for funding at this time. Jay made a motion to table this grant request until the next large grant round, Bob seconded the motion. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o Town of Charlestown- Pawaget Park Kiosk. \$2,160.00. Roy made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Gail. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o Hopkinton Land Trust- Trailhead development- signs and kiosks at four sites. \$3000.00. Roy made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Henry.

Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o Exeter- West Greenwich School District. Trail improvement-re-surface Metcalf Trail. \$3000.00. There was discussion that since the grant funds would be used to hire a contractor to use donated gravel the Town should provide at least three quotes from qualified contractors. Denise made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Bob. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o Hopkinton Land Trust. Trailhead Development at Tomaquag Trail. \$3000.00. The Land Trust has invested a lot in trail improvements in this area but the trail has been underutilized because of inadequate access at the southern terminus. This project will establish a trailhead at Collins Road. Denise made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Roy. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o Hopkinton Conservation Commission. \$3000.00. Continuation of a project to produce high quality maps to use on their kiosks. The grant

would pay for layout and design as well as three sets of maps. Bob made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Stephan. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o The Nature Conservancy. Trailhead Development- kiosk at Canochet Preserves. \$2790.00. Roy made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Peter. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

o City of Cranston. Trail Development at Knight Farm Conservation Area. \$3000.00. Peter made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Gail. Grant Request Approved. Unanimous.

4. Other Business

o Lisa proposed forming a working Committee to discuss project eligibility and policy issues that would report back to the full Committee. Roy, Henry, and Martha volunteered to serve on the committee.

o Peter alerted the Committee that their annual cleanup of Big River Management Area would take place on April 18th.

o Stephen raised an issue that was discussed at the Federated Sportsman's meeting about trail users on State Management Areas not wearing orange during hunting season. He proposed that the Committee draft a letter to alert the Director of DEM about this issue, seconded by Denise. Approved. Bob Butler abstained.

Motion to Adjourn made by Peter Gengler, seconded by Bob Butler. Approved. Unanimous. Adjourned at 4:25.

Next Meeting:

May 19, 2015 @ 3:00 PM

USDA Conference Room

60 Quaker Lane, Suite 40

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